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Executive Assistant to DCI

21 November 1952

Director of Training

Weekly Summary Report

✓ 1. The President of the United States spoke on the last day of the 8th Orientation Course, which was concluded on 21 November 1952. The President emphasized the continuing need for comprehensive intelligence coverage so that the Chief Executive and his appropriate cabinet members may have all the essential information on which to base important national and international decisions. He stressed the significance of those decisions in that the United States today is the recognized leader of the free world, "a responsibility we have acquired but did not seek".

✓ In addition, he urged that CIA give to his successor, General Eisenhower, the same kind of support that the Executive Office has received since the formation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

✓ 2. For thirty minutes before the President arrived at the Agriculture Auditorium, General Smith spoke briefly on the increasing importance of CIA to the policy-making efforts of our Government. He answered numerous questions, from the acquisition of a permanent building for CIA to the need for sound training practices so as to assure in the Agency the development of an effective career service program.

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✓ 4. At the request of [redacted] Deputy Assistant Director for Current Intelligence, arrangements are being made whereby Junior Officer Trainees in the Office of Training will participate in the Watch Officer detail in OCI.

✓ 5. The Reading Improvement Branch is currently giving instruction to 36 students each day, including two special classes requested by the staffs under the DD/P.

✓ 6. The first CIA Human Resources Program conducted by the Chief of the Management Training Division was completed during the week in the Office of Collection and Dissemination. There were fourteen division and staff chiefs represented.

✓ 7. A combined total of 181 students is presently enrolled in introductory and self-study courses in the Language Training Center, and the laboratory was used for a total of 429 student hours during the week.

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